

Edward Weeden.....	22	Anna Fowle.....	25
George Wilby.....	16	Edmond Gorden.....	18
Richard Hawkins.....	15	Tho: Sydlie.....	22
Tho: Parker.....	30	Margaret Leach.....	22
Symon Burd.....	20	Marie Smith.....	21
Jo Mansfield.....	34	Elizabeth Swayne.....	16
Clement Cole.....	30	Grace Bewlie.....	30
Jo: Jones.....	20	Ann Wells.....	20
Wm Burrow.....	19	Dyonis Taylor.....	48
Phillip Atwood.....	13	Hanna Smith.....	30
Wm. Snowe.....	18	Jo: Backley.....	15
		Wm. Battrick.....	18

Gov. John Winthrop in his "History of New England," under date of April 16, 1635, says: "A bark of forty tons arrived, set forth with twenty servants, by Sir Richard Saltonstall, to go plant at Connecticut."

Perhaps reports of trouble with the Indians in Connecticut deterred the party from proceeding thither, and under the guidance of Richard Saltonstall, son of Sir Richard Saltonstall, some turned their steps towards Ipswich,¹ Mass., which was founded in 1634. On the list of proprietors there in 1637 appear the names of both Richard Saltonstall and "John Northe." The next year there is entered in the town records the following transaction:

Granted to John North in the year 1637, three acres of Land, lying near the Reedy marsh, bounded by a planting lott of William English on the Northwest, and having three acres of the lyke ground formerly granted to Isaac Perkins, on the south east, to enjoy the sayd Land, his heirs and assigns forever. Entered 7th month, 1638 into the Town book folio 15.

Memorand, that whereas John North was lately possessed of three acres of planting ground, lying near the Reedy marsh, having a plant lott of William English on the Northwest, and three acres of the lyke planting ground formerly granted to Isaac Perkins now in possession of John Warner on the South east, now the said John North hath for a certain sum of money to him in hand payde sould unto forenamed John Warener all the sayd three acres of Land together with all his interest and claim unto the sayd Land with all the fencing timber and all the other apurtenances to the sayd Lands, and the sayd John Warener, to enjoy the sayd Land, to him, his heirs and assigns forever. Entered by their joynt order, the 13th of December, 1638.

¹Pope's "Pioneers of Massachusetts."

On July 7, 1646, John North sold a house and lot on the south side of the river to Robert Kinsman. Perhaps this was preparatory to his removal to Connecticut, for at that time there began a considerable migration westward from the settlements around Boston. One of these was the church party of the Rev. Thomas Hooker, which made its way through the wilderness in 1635-6 and founded the town of Hartford. Of this colony Farmington was the first offshoot, and was settled in 1640. This territory now includes the following towns: Southington, which was the first to be detached as a separate township in 1779; nearly the whole of New Britain and Berlin, 1785; Bristol, 1785; Burlington, 1806; Avon, 1830; Plainville, 1869; and parts of Wolcott, Harwinton and Bloomfield, formerly Wintonbury Parish.

After his sale of land in Ipswich we have no further record of John North until 1652, when his name appears in the Hartford County court records. He had evidently kept in mind the original objective of the *Susan and Ellen's* party to settle in Connecticut. There is no record that he ever lived in Hartford city, as did most of the early settlers of Farmington.

Under entry of January, 1653, in the Farmington land records (Vol. II, pp. 12) are described several pieces of land belonging to John North. One piece of eight acres in the Little Meadow was bought of Nicholas Marson. In that month John North bought of John Steele, original owner, a house and lot of three-quarters of an acre, situated on the east side of the north end of the main street, now occupied by two houses, one recently owned by Sarah Shield, the other by Dorothy Palmer. In the same year he had a daughter baptized there. Trumbull's "Memorial History of Hartford County" gives a map of Farmington showing the location of John North's lot and those of his sons, John and Samuel. These three were among the eighty-four men between whom the unoccupied lands of the ancient town were divided in 1672. All those included in this list were known as original proprietors of the town.

John North and his wife were members of the Farmington Church, which she joined in 1656. He was made freeman of Connecticut, May 21, 1657.

John North's name appears as witness on the will of Elizabeth, widow of William Smith, dated "Nouvenber 15th, 1676." In the year 1684 he had, according to the original act of division, an estate of £157.

There is a mystery surrounding John North's marriage.

wee say wee have Reseved the full and all our wholl proprtion dead or dus bee long to us from our Honnored father John North deseased according to the acts and settlement of the Honnor county court of Hartford march the 3 (1692) and all so wee do further owne and acknowledge that wee have also reseved our full and wholl and all our proportion of that estat that doth be long to us as leagetes to the estat of the above sayed father John North deseased according to the court acte we say we have reseved all the above saied leagecis of our Loveing Brothers Thomas North and Joseph North administrators to the estat of our Honnored father John North deseased and we do her by fully freely and absolutly for ever acquit and discharge the sayed Thomas North and Joseph North as administrators to the above sayed estat of our Honnored father John North deseased from all chalenges claimes Rightes or titles to said estate or anay part thare of as Leagetes in witeness whare of I John Searls have signed Sealed and delivered this wrighting with my owne hand in the day and yer above said.

Children of John North:

2. i. JOHN, b. probably at Ipswich, Mass., Nov., 1641; d. at Wethersfield, Aug. 6, 1682.
3. ii. SAMUEL, b. probably at Ipswich, Mass., 1643; d. at Farmington, Dec. 14, 1682.
- iii. MARY, b. probably at Ipswich, Mass., 1643 (twin). See "Conn. Probate Records," Vol. II, pp. 341. Other records say she was b. 1645. She d. Nov. 5, 1726; m. Mar. 10 or 30, 1675, widower JOHN SEARLES, son of John and Sarah (Baldwin) Searles. He was b. May 30, 1726, and d. Oct. 3, 1718. They removed to Northampton, Mass. Children: (1) *James*, b. Feb. 1, 1681. (2) *Sarah*, b. Feb. 28, 1684. (3) *Nathaniel*, b. May 3, 1686. (4) *Lydia*, b. Aug. 22, 1688.
4. iv. JAMES, b. 1647; d. at Northampton, Mass., July 25, 1689.
5. v. THOMAS, b. 1649; d. 1712.
- vi. SARAH, b. 1653; bapt. at Farmington, Dec. 18, 1653; d. about Jan., 1691-2; m. widower MATTHEW WOODRUFF, JR., brother of Hannah Woodruff who m. Capt. Richard Seymour and whose son m. Hannah North, daughter of Thomas North (8). He was b. 1646, and d. before Nov. 18, 1690. Her estate was inventoried Feb. 2, 1691-2, in the same month as that of her father and in less than two months after that of her husband. Children: (1) *Nathaniel*, b. 1687. Removed to Litchfield, where his descendants lived. (2) *Joseph*, bapt. May 19, 1689; heir to his uncle Joseph North.
- vii. NATHANIEL, b. and bapt. at Farmington, June 29, 1656-7. He was a soldier in King Philip's War and had a soldier's grant. Probably d. without heirs and is not mentioned in his father's will. He may, however, be the father of the Capt. Nathaniel

North, b. May, 1686-7, who m. 1709 THANKFUL WRIGHT, and d. Nov. 13, 1758, and of Joseph North who was bapt. May 18, 1689, m. Oct. 24, 1717, ESTHER BROWN, and d. Jan. 23, 1737. ("History of Weathersfield.")

- viii. LYDIA, b. and bapt. at Farmington, May 9, 1658; probably d. unm.
- ix. JOSEPH, bapt. at Farmington, Mar. 18, 1659; d. about Jan., 1730-1; m. before Jan. 3, 1686-7, MARTHA PORTER, b. 1666, d. July 11, 1749. She was the daughter of John and Sarah (Hart) Porter. Joseph North had his father's house in Farmington, and having no children, made his nephew Joseph Woodruff, his heir. His wife m. (2) 1732, John, son of Dr. Daniel Porter. His estate was inventoried Jan. 30, 1730-1, and in his will he speaks most tenderly of his wife:

April 24, 1724.

I, Joseph North Sen., of the Town of Farmington, do make this my last will and testament. It having pleased God, in His holy, wise, providence, to deny me heirs of my own body, I have already by deed settled the greatest part of my freehold estate upon my neare kinsman, Joseph Woodruff. It is my special care now in this my will, that my wife, who, through her great pains, prudence, and industry, hath been a great builder of my house, may be comfortably carried through this world. Therefore, I do give unto Martha, my wife, and to her heirs and assigns forever, all my estate, both real and personal. More particularly do I give to my wife 2 parcels of land, both of them lying and being within the bounds of the Township of Farmington, viz., one parcell of land lying near a place called Purgatory, containing about 7 acres, be the same more or less, adjoining northerly on land of Samuel Cowles; also one parcel of land lying on the contrary side of the highway, against Smith Gridley's house, containing 6 acres be the same more or less, bounded as followeth: east with land formerly Joseph Smith's, west with the land of Thomas North, north with a highway, and south with the land belonging to the heirs of Capt. Judd. Also, I give unto my wife, to be at her own dispose forever, all my personal estate of all sorts without exception, which I now have or shall be mine at my decease. Also, I do give unto my wife, during the term of her natural life, the use and profit of my land in the Common Field neare the Round Hill; also that part of my house, barn, and home lott whereof I made a reserve in the deed of conveyance I made to my aforesd kinsman Joseph Woodruff. And further, if I, the sd. Joseph North, through necessity should in my life time make dispose of any particular thing or things willed to my

wife as above entered (which my purpose is to avoid as much and as well as I can), that then my will is that her right to the remainder should be no ways altered or weakened thereby. And I hereby make Martha my wife only and sole executrix.

Witness: JOHN HOOKER, Sen.
ABIGAIL HOOKER, Sen.
SARAH HOOKER.

JOSEPH NORTH.

Joseph North was imbued with the spirit of '76 as evidenced by the following proceedings of the General Assembly Court, Hartford, May 10, 1705: "At this Court, the King's attorney, Joseph Migate, entered complaint against Joseph North for unwittingly concealing such soldier as had deserted the King's garrison at Albanie. This Court voted the said North not guiltie in law of the matter of fact charged upon him."

In later proceedings of the same court: "This Court grants full power to Joseph North of the town of Farmington, administrator to the estate of Sampson, negro, to sell the land of said Sampson for the payment of his just debts, and the remainder or overplus of what the land is sold for to be returned to the selectmen of Farmington by them to be disposed for the benefit of the widow and children."

SECOND GENERATION

2. DR. JOHN² NORTH (*John¹*), oldest son of John and Hannah (Bird) North, was born, probably at Ipswich, Mass., in November, 1641, his father having settled there, and sold land in 1646. He was married by Capt. Samuel Welles, April 15, 1671, to SUSANNA FRANCIS, born Nov. 1, 1651, daughter of Robert Francis of Wethersfield. They removed to that town, Newington parish, where he died Aug. 6, 1682, aged 41.

With his father and brother Samuel, he was one of the original eighty-four proprietors among whom the unoccupied lands of Farmington were divided in 1672. In the list of inhabitants of Wethersfield who petitioned in May, 1682, to settle in what is now Windham Co., Conn., appears the name of John North.

He was said to have been a natural doctor and to have practised medicine in Farmington and New London, where he gave his opinion concerning the sudden death of a captain whose ship was anchored in the harbor, "that it was caused by unseasonable bathing after immoderate drinking."

Miss F. M. Caulkins in "The Family Repository and Horticultural Cabinet," New London, August, 1861, says of him: "Our regular physician, Dr. John North, professor of physie, appears in the plantation during the ministration of Dr. Bulkley. How long he continued here is uncertain, but we venture to suggest that he found the location too healthful, and the few people that composed the plantation too robust for his business, and soon removed elsewhere. Little else is known of this our first Dr. North, but that he died in Wethersfield, Conn., in 1682."

Children:

- i. JOHN, b. Aug. 16, 1672. According to the Porter record he m. ABIGAIL ———; in 1734 resided in Worthington, and in 1738 removed to New Fairfield. According to Mr. Julius Gay, he m. before 1720, ELIZABETH, daughter of Jonathan Smith; she d. Jan. 24, 1732-3, and he d. after Jan. 16, 1732-3. No record of any descendants has been found.
- ii. MARY, b. Oct. 18, 1674; m. JOHN, son of Thomas Marshall of Hartford. He was b. Feb., 1671-3. She was probably the

Mary (who with her brother John?) was kept at the house of Sergt. John Stillman in 1693, during the prevalence of small-pox in the home of Robert Francis. ("History of Wethersfield.")

- iii. SUSANNAH, b. April 15, 1676; d. April 23, 1764; m. Jan. 18, 1694, SERGT. BENJAMIN JUDD, JR., son of Benjamin and Mary (Lewis) Judd, of Great Swamp Parish, now included in New Britain, and grandson of the immigrant Thomas Judd. Children: (1) *Benjamin*, b. Mar. 2, 1697; m. 1727, Sarah Hollister. (2) *Susannah*, b. Aug. 12, 1699; m. 1756, David Bronson. (3) *Mary*, b. Feb. 6, 1702; m. 1723, Joseph Beckley. (4) *Abigail*, b. Sept. 5, 1703; m. 1746, George Kilborne. (5) *Keziah*, b. Sept. 14, 1705; m. 1729, Amos Judd. (6) *Bathsheba*, b. Aug. 20, 1707; m. 1728, David Sage. (7) *Joanna*, b. Sept. 16, 1709; m. 1731, Samuel Hubbard. (8) *Catharine*, b. Sept. 26, 1711. (9) *Uriah*, b. Dec. 28, 1713; m., 1st, in 1744, Mabel Bidwell; 2nd, in 1747, Mercy Seymour. (10) *James*, b. 1717; m. 1749, Hannah Andrus. (11) *Nathan*, b. Aug. 24, 1719; m. 1743, Thankful Wright. (12) *Hezekiah*, b. June 19, 1722; d. young.
- iv. SARAH, b. Sept. 20, 1678; d. before 1742.

3. SAMUEL² NORTH (*John*¹), second son of John and Hannah (Bird) North, was born in 1643, probably at Ipswich, Mass., since his father did not sell land there until 1646. He died at Farmington, Dec. 14, 1682, aged 39. He married Jan. 3, 1666, HANNAH, daughter of John¹ and Elizabeth Norton, born at Branford in 1649.

They lived in Farmington on the north side of the Hartford road, a little east of Edward Norton's farm buildings. He, with his father and brother John, were among the eighty-four proprietors between whom the unoccupied lands of Farmington were divided in 1672. After his death his widow married (2) in 1685 John Rew [?].

Children, b. at Farmington:

- 6. i. JOHN, b. 1669; d. April, 1745.
- ii. SAMUEL, b. 1671; d. 1707. He was a merchant and d. in Boston, probably leaving no children, as his property was

* John Norton, third son of Richard and Ellen (Rowley) Norton of London, was one of the first settlers of Branford, and removed in 1659 to Farmington, where he was one of the original proprietors in the division of the lands. His ancestry has been traced back to Alfred the Great, Henry I of France, the brother of William the Conqueror, and Rollo, Duke of Normandy. He married Elizabeth Clarke.

divided among his brothers and sisters. His will is dated Nov. 11, 1706.

The last will and testament of Samuel North of Farmington, in the County of Hartford, in the Colony of Connecticut, in New England, husbandman, at present residing in Boston, being under bodily illness and infirmities, but through mercy of sound disposing mind and memory, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following: Imprimus: I give unto my nephew Josiah North, son of my brother John North, my house and barn, with the moiety or half part of all the lands adjoining and pertaining thereunto, containing about 102 acres, situated in Farmington. I give unto my nephew Daniel North, son of my brother Thomas North, the other moiety or $\frac{1}{2}$ part of my land aforesd. And it is my will that my aforementioned brothers have and enjoy the profits of my sd. land unto each of their sons respectively until they attain the age of 21 years. I give unto my brother Thomas North, my 9 acres of land lying near Clatter Valley in Farmington, which I purchased of Thomas North; also my husbandry tools. I give unto my sister Hannah Northaway one cow and a yoke of oxen. I appoint my two brothers John North and Thomas North, to be the executors of this my last will, and I do hereby revoke and disannul all wills by me heretofore made—In witness—Annoque Quinto—

As a codicil to my foregoing will, and to be accepted and taken as part and parcel thereof, I do give unto my brother Thomas North, 3 acres and $\frac{1}{2}$ of land at a place called Nod, a parcel of land lying at the hop garden, a tract of land in the southwest division and 40 acres in the north division near the Pinnacle, all which sd. lands are in Farmington.

SAMUEL NORTH.

Witness: JOHN CUTLAR,
JOHN PERKINS,
EZEKIAL LEWIS.

- 7. iii. THOMAS, b. 1673; d. April 5, 1755.
- iv. HANNAH, b. 1677; d. at Northington, now Avon, May 25, 1752; m. Mar. 29, 1705, GEORGE NORTHAWAY of Northington. Children: (1) *Hannah*, b. Oct. 12, 1706. (2) *John*, b. Dec. 2, 1707. (3) *Mary*, b. Jan. 10, 1711; m. 1736, Daniel North (16). (4) *Samuel*, b. Aug. 17, 1715. (5) *Sarah*, b. April 24, 1720. (6) *Josiah*, b. Aug. 31, 1724.

4. JAMES² NORTH (*John*¹), third son of John the settler, was born in 1647, and died at Northampton, Mass., July 25,

1689. He was a soldier in the Indian Wars and had a soldier's lot granted to him. He married Nov. 20, 1677, SARAH EDWARDS, born Nov. 21, 1654, daughter of Alexander and Sarah (Baldwin) Edwards of Northampton, Mass., whither he removed in 1677, and where he was made freeman Feb. 8, 1678.

Children:

- i. SARAH, b. 1679; m. April 13, 1703, ISRAEL RUST of Northampton, Mass., son of Israel and Rebecca (Clark) Rust. He was b. July 15, 1679, and d. Nov. 27, 1759.
- ii. MARY, b. Sept. 1, 1687; d. Feb. 17, 1748; m. Oct. 8, 1714, EBENEZER EDWARDS of Northampton, Mass., son of Benjamin and Thankful (Sheldon) Edwards. He was b. Nov. 18, 1682.

5. THOMAS² NORTH (*John*¹), fourth son of John and Hannah (Bird) North, was born in 1649, and died at Northington, now Avon, in 1712, aged 63. He married in 1669, HANNAH, daughter of Thomas¹ and Rebecca (Olmstead) Newell. She was born in 1656, baptized April 14, 1658, and died Nov. 4, 1757. If her dates are correctly given she was married at the age of 13, was the mother of two sons at 17, and lived to be 101. She and her husband were both members of the church.

After his marriage and the birth of two sons, Thomas North enlisted under Captain Hinchman in King Philip's War. He was stationed with Connecticut troops in the vicinity of Boston in 1675, and was with the garrison at Hadley, Mass., in the summer of 1676. ("Soldiers in King Philip's War.") He was made freeman there Feb. 8, 1678, and received a grant of land for his military services in or near Northington, now Avon, where he and Joseph Woodford were pioneer settlers. There he lived on the east side of the river near the old Marshall's tavern, "under the mountain" and north of the Hartford and Albany turnpike. He was a magistrate of the colony of Connecticut.

The General Assembly and Court of Election sitting at Hartford acted as follows:

April 6, 1713: "This Court appointed Hannah North of Farmington, guardian to her 2 daughters, Lydia and Sarah, both minors, above 14

¹ Thomas Newell was from Hertfordshire, England. He was an early settler of Hartford, and an original settler of Farmington in 1640. He died Sept. 13, 1689. See "Newell Genealogy." Rebecca Olmstead was a niece of James Olmstead, with whom she came from England in the *Lion*.

years, and also allow the said Hannah North to be guardian to her son Ebenezer North, 14 years of age. Joseph North, a minor, chose Thomas North to be his guardian. Recog. £100."

April 6, 1713-4: Inventory £39-12-07 taken by Samuel Newell and Joseph North. "Thomas North, Adms., exhibits now an account of his Adms. Order to dist. the estate.

	£	s.	d.
To Jane North widow relict.....	9	12	03
To Thomas North, eldest son.....	[broken page]		
To Nathaniel, Joseph, Ebenezer, Hannah, Mary, Rebekah, Lydia and Sarah North, to each of them....	2	02	08

and appoint John Stanly, Samuel Newell and Joseph North of Farmington, dist."

May 13, 1714: "Upon the petition of Hannah North and Thomas North, administrators of the estate of Thomas North of Farmington, deceased: This Assembly empowers the said administrators to make and execute a deed of 3 acres of land to the heirs of Joseph Bird, deceased, pursuant to a bargain between the said Thomas North, deceased, and him, the said Joseph Bird, deceased."

Children:

- i. JOHN, b. ———; d. Feb. 2, 1709-10; m. Mar. 19, 1707-8, JANE STEBBINS of Wethersfield, who m. (2) Oct. 12, 1710-1, Thomas Shepard of Hartford. The General Assembly and Court of Election held at Hartford, Jan. 2, 1709-10, acted as follows: "This Court grants letters of administration on the estate of John North late of Farmington, dec.—who died intestate, jointly to Jane North of Farmington, widow and relict. of sd. dec., and Thomas North, brother of the dec., provided they shall give bond, etc."
8. ii. THOMAS, b. 1673; d. Mar. 2, 1724-5.
- iii. HANNAH, b. ———; m. May 10, 1706, SAMUEL, son of Capt. Richard and Hannah (Woodruff) Seymour of Great Swamp Village. They were members of the original church in Kensington. Children: (1) *Hannah*, b. Mar. 26, 1706-7; m. Allen Goodrich, the village blacksmith of Great Swamp Village. (2) *Mary*, b. Nov. 13, 1708. (3) *Eliakim*, m., 1st, Susanna Judd; 2nd, Mary Hooker. (4) *Rebecca*, b. June 25, 1711; m. Nov. 21, 1734, Elisha Goodrich. (5) *Mercy*, b. Sept. 11, 1715; m. Feb. 14, 1747, Uriah Judd; and removed to Lenox, Mass.
9. iv. NATHANIEL, b. 1688; d. April 5, 1777.
- v. MARY, b. ———; m. 1709, WILLIAM, son of James and Abigail (Bissell) Eno of Simsbury. He was a lieutenant in the train band. Children: (1) *William*, b. 1710. (2) *Samuel*. (3)